



Docket No.: 1341.1030

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Ryota AKIYAMA, et al.

Serial No. 09/406,087

Group Art Unit: 2134

Confirmation No. 1217

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Examiner: Christopher Brown

For: AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM, AUTHENTICATION METHOD, SIGNING APPARATUS, SIGNING METHOD, CERTIFYING APPARATUS, CERTIFYING METHOD, AND A COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM WITH A PROGRAM MAKING A COMPUTER EXECUTE THE METHOD RECORDED THEREIN

**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 19, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on August 19, 2006. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to September 19, 2006.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

**A Request for Continued Examination is submitted herewith.**